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SUBJ: UN ACTION ON AIRCRAFT HIJACKING -- DEVELOPMENTS
OF OCT. 31

1. AFRICAN GROUP MET LATER AM OCT. 31 TO DICUSS ACCEPTANCE
OF TEXT ALREADY ACCEPTED BY SYRIA ON BEHALF ARAB GROUP.
ALGERIA LEADING DRIVE WITHIN AFRICAN GROUP TO INSIST ON
INSERTING LANGUAGE EXEMPTING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. SOME
DELEGATIONS BELIEVE PRC IS STIRRING UP SOME OF THE AFRICANS.
WE HAVE SEEN NO DIRECT EVIDENCE TO THIS EFFECT BUT ARE AWARE
PRC NOT PARTICULARLY HAPPY WITH EXISTING TEXT IF FOR NO
OTHER REASON BECAUSE REPUBLIC OF CHINA IS PARTY TO THE EXIST-
ING TREATIES WHOSE RATIFICATION RESOLUTION URGES.

2. WE HAVE SPOKEN TO A NUMBER OF AFRICANS IN SPC AND
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URGED THEM NOT PRESS LIBERATION MOVEMENTS LANGUAGE IN THIS
CONTEXT. WE HAVE ALSO TOLD EGYPTIANS WE DEALT IN GOOD
FAITH WITH ARABS AND EXPECT THEM TO ARGUE IN FAVOR EXIST-
ING TEXT WITHOUT ANY ADDITIONS. THEY ASSURE US THEY
SUPPORT EXISTING TEXT.

3. AFRICANS UNABLE AGREE ON COMMON POSITION IN AM MEETING

AND REQUESTED PM SPC MEETING BE CANCELLED SO THEY CAN MEET AGAIN.

4. HAVING DELAYED MATTER OVER WEEKEND, THUS FACILITATING POSSIBLE UNRAVELLING PROCESS, SOVIETS INDICATE NOW THAT THEY CAN GO ALONG WITH WHATEVER IS ACCEPTABLE TO REST OF COMMITTEE.

5. CO-SPONSORS MET AND DECIDED TO PRESS MATTER TO VOTE IF NECESSARY AM NOV. 1 RATHER THAN HAVE FURTHER DELAYS ERODE WHAT LITTLE SENSE OF URGENCY REMAINS.

6. IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT BAROODY INTRODUCED HIS UNHELPFUL DRAFT RESOLUTION AT AM SPC MEETING (TEXT BELOW). HE LEFT NO DOUBT IN HIS LONG RAMBLING INTRODUCING THAT PRIMARY FUNCTION OF RESOLUTION IS CRITICISM OF THE RISKS TAKEN BY FRG AT MOGADISCIO AND SECONDARY FUNCTION IS REINTRODUCTION OF NOTION OF NEED TO STUDY CAUSES OF TERRORISTS ACTS. WE INFORMED CO-SPONSORS THAT WE COULD NOT VOTE IN FAVOR HIS TEXT AND WOULD BE PREPARED VOTE AGAINST IT IN COMPANY. ZEHNTNER (FRG) EXPRESSED SAME VIEW.

7. BEGIN TEXT:

QUOTE: SAFETY OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION

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SAUDI ARABIA: DRAFT RESOLUTION

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

WHEREAS THE RIGHT TO LIFE OF THE INDIVIDUAL IS A PRIMORDIAL RIGHT ENSHRINED IN THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND CLEARLY ENUNCIATED IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE TWO INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT FREEDOM AND SECURITY OF THE PERSON ARE ADJUNCT TO THE LIFE OF THE INDIVIDUAL AS SPELLED OUT IN ARTICLE 3 OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH STATES: "EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO LIFE, FREEDOM AND SECURITY OF PERSON",

NOTING THAT THE LIFE OF THE INDIVIDUAL, HIS FREEDOM AND SECURITY ARE ENDANGERED NOT ONLY IN WAR BUT IN PEACE TIME DUE TO CERTAIN FORCES IN SOCIETY IN MANY COUNTRIES, WHICH FORCES ARE DRIVING MANY PEOPLE TO TAKE THE LAW IN THEIR OWN HANDS WITHOUT REGARD FOR ARTICLE 3 OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS,

INASMUCH AS THOSE WHO TAKE THE LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS
ARE ENDANGERING THE SAFETY OF INDIVIDUALS BY RESORTING
TO HIJACKING AIRPLANES AND OTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION,

1. AFFIRMS THAT SAVING THE LIVES OF HOSTAGES SHOULD REMAIN
THE PRIMARY CONCERN OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY,
NOTWITHSTANDING THE NECESSARY DRASTIC MEASURES THAT MAY
HAVE TO BE TAKEN TO CURB THE INTERNATIONAL HIJACKING
OPERATIONS AGAINST CIVILIANS;

2. CALLS UPON GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE SERIOUS STUDIES OF THE
ABNORMAL SITUATION RELATED TO HIJACKING AND TAKE
MEASURES TO WORK OUT POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.

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